

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A slip processing device that processes a slip with ~~an a plurality of answer column~~columns to be checked with ~~a one or more mark~~marks, comprising:
 - a slip recognition unit detecting the ~~mark~~marks checked in ~~any of~~ the answer ~~column~~columns, based on a basis of the image data of the slip;
 - an answer column position definition unit storing position definition information identifying locations of the answer columns;
 - an image accentuation unit accentuating pixels located in ~~the~~a vicinity of ~~the~~each of the marks checked in any of the answer ~~column~~columns in the image data by a special accentuation method, based on giving those pixels a color according to the detected result and the position definition information; and
 - an output control unit outputting the image data accentuated by the image accentuation unit on a display device to prompt an operator to examine the accentuated image data.
2. (Original) The slip processing device according to claim 1, wherein said image accentuation unit is a pixel value modification unit modifying the values of pixels located in the vicinity of the answer column.
3. (Currently Amended) The slip processing device according to claim 2, wherein said ~~image~~pixel value modification unit modifies the pixel values to values other than the values of the pixels composing the mark.
4. (Original) The slip processing device according to claim 2, wherein the pixels located in the vicinity of the answer column are pixels located within the frame of the answer column.
5. (Currently Amended) The slip processing device according to claim 4, wherein said ~~image~~pixel value modification unit modifies the values of pixels other than the pixels checked with the mark when modifying the values of pixels located in the vicinity of the answer column.

6. (Original) The slip processing device according to claim 4, wherein said pixel value modification unit modifies the values of pixels composing the mark when modifying the values of pixels located in the vicinity of the answer column.

7. (Original) The slip processing device according to claim 2, wherein the pixels located in the vicinity of the answer column are located outside the frame of the answer column and are located less than a specific number of pixels away from the frame.

8. (Original) The slip processing device according to claim 1, further comprising a recognized result modification unit modifying the detected result, wherein if the answer column is designated in the accentuated image data, the recognized result modification unit modifies the detected result and the accentuation method of pixels located in the vicinity of the designated answer column, and

said output control unit outputs the modified image data to the display device.

9. (Original) The slip processing device according to claim 8, wherein said recognized result modification unit determines a detected result after modification, based on the result of the mark checked in the designated answer column, that is detected by the slip recognition unit.

10. (Currently Amended) The slip processing device according to claim 8, further comprising Aa pointing device, wherein

the designation of pixels is made by selecting the image data outputted on the display device using the pointing device.

11. (Original) The slip processing device according to claim 8, wherein said slip recognition unit generates detected result information indicating the detected result,

said output control unit outputs the detected result information as well as the image data on the display device, if the answer column is designated,

said recognized result modification unit modifies the detected result information, and

after said recognized result modification unit modifies the detected result information, the output control unit outputs the modified detected result information on the display device.

12. (Original) The slip processing device according to claim 11, wherein said output control unit scrolls the detected result information outputted on the display device in synchronization with the image data outputted on the display device.

13. (Original) The slip processing device according to claim 11, wherein said output control unit outputs the detected result information on the display device for each question contained on the slip,
if the image data outputted on the display device is scrolled, said output control unit detects the question displayed in a prescribed position of the display device, and
said output control unit outputs the detected result information corresponding to the detected question on the display device.

14. (Currently Amended) A storage medium, on which is recorded a program enabling a computer to process a slip with an-a plurality of answer column\columns to be checked with a one or more markmarks, comprising:

detecting the markmarks checked in any of the answer column\columns, based on a basis of the image data of the slip;
storing position definition information identifying locations of the answer columns;
accentuating pixels located in thea vicinity of the each of the marks checked in any of the answer column\columns in the image data by a special accentuation method,giving those pixels a color according to,based on the detected result and the position definition information; and
outputting the image data accentuated by the image accentuation unit on a display device to prompt an operator to examine the accentuated image data.

15. (Currently Amended) A slip processing method for a computer processing a slip with an-a plurality of answer column\columns to be checked with a one or more markmarks, comprising:

detecting the markmarks checked in any of the answer column\columns, based on a basis of the image data of the slip;
storing position definition information identifying locations of the answer columns;
accentuating pixels located in thea vicinity of the each of the marks checked in any of the answer column\columns in the image data by a special accentuation method,giving those pixels a color according to-based on the detected result and the position definition information; and
outputting the image data accentuated by the image accentuation unit on a display

device to prompt an operator to examine the accentuated image data.

16. (Currently Amended) A slip processing device that processes a slip with an-a plurality of answer column\columns to be checked with a one or more mark\marks, comprising:
a slip recognition means for detecting the mark\marks checked in the any of the answer column\columns, based on a basis of the image data of the slip;
a position definition storing means for storing position definition information identifying locations of the answer columns;
an image accentuation means for accentuating pixels located in the a vicinity of the each of the marks checked in any of the answer column\columns in the image data by a special accentuation method, based on giving those pixels a color according to the detected result and the position definition information; and
an output control means for outputting the image data accentuated by the image accentuation means on a display device to prompt an operator to examine the accentuated image data.

17. (New) A method for processing a multiple choice answer sheet having answers indicated by marks, comprising:

detecting a mark among a plurality of answer spaces; and
highlighting the mark in an image of the answer sheet.

18. (New) The method for processing a multiple choice answer sheet according to claim 17, wherein said highlighting highlights pixels in a color different from a color of the mark.

19. (New) The method for processing a multiple choice answer sheet according to claim 17, wherein said highlighting flood fills an answer area with a color different from a color of the mark.